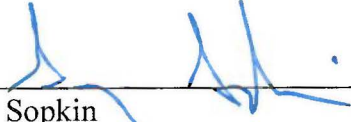


TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT12-2-A. Administrative Enforcement: Issuance of Complaints and Signing of Consent Agreements

1. **AUTHORITY.** To file administrative complaints against alleged violators of the Toxic Substances Control Act for the purpose of proposing civil penalties as provided in TSCA; and to negotiate and sign consent agreements between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and respondents.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
  - a. Any official exercising this authority must consult in advance with the assistant administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.
  - b. Any official exercising the authority to file administrative complaints or sign consent agreements must obtain the advance concurrence of the regional counsel or designee.
  - c. The regional counsel or designee must conduct all negotiations.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
  - a. This authority may be redelegated to the unit chief level, or equivalent, and no further, except that the authority to negotiate consent agreements may be redelegated to attorneys in assigned cases.
  - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.** Sections 15 and 16 of TSCA.

  
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